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Elementary Physical Geography. By WILLIAM MORRIS DAVIS, Sturgis Hooper Professor of Geology in Harvard University. 7½×5 in., pages xviii+402. 19 full page plates; 190 figures in the text; 8 uncolored maps appended, 1902. Boston: Ginn & Co.

Each one of the newer texts in physical geography has come under criticism from teachers or school boards, as being too difficult, and one by one they are recast in response to the clamor. Not that the principles or applications are more difficult than should be handled in the first year of the high schools, but because the teachers are deficient in training. But since it is a condition and not a theory that must first be met, it is doubtless wise to make some concessions. Professor Davis has had these conditions to meet, and in response we have this new edition of his *Physical Geography*, in which some difficulties have been eliminated and some rearrangement of matter made. The treatment of the atmosphere is ampler and decidedly more adequate, which will be very helpful to those teachers who have to treat the subject of meteorology as a mere topic in a year's work, or even a single term's work in physical geography.

A number of new illustrations have been added, mostly as insets in half tone, the quality of which, for the most part, is not up to the standard of the book. A number of insets of charts in color have been added, which increases materially the value of the work.

The first edition was criticised as not making enough of the human element. The criticism was not valid, as the subject of man's dependence upon his environment was treated in every chapter, and under every topic, and perhaps more suggestively than had ever before been done. But in this edition less attention is called to this phase of geography in the chapters as they go, and a new chapter is added in which this one point of view is dealt with in detail, and it is an excellent contribution.

In any treatment of latitude and longitude it would conduce to clear thinking if we could shape our language so that we should not carry the implication, as on page 9, that circles are lines and lines circles. It would be very easy to treat parallels as circles (plane figures), parallel with the equator, and it would then be simpler to teach latitude as angular distance, measured in the meridian (semicircle-plane figure). We could at the same time show how the usual manner of representation of these circles as lines on the map has given rise to their description as lines merely,

The new book, like its predecessor, will stand in the front rank of school texts.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

Animal Activities, a first book in Zoölogy. By Nathaniel S. French, Roxbury High School. Size 5×7. Pp. 262. Price——. New York: Longmans, Green & Co.

We hope to publish a review of this book shortly. The subject of zoölogy is commanding greater attention in our secondary schools, and the quality of the text-books seems to be improving in answer to the demand.

Animal Forms. By David S. Jordan, and Harold Heath. Leland Stanford Junior University. Size 5×8 . Pp. 258. Price \$1.10. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

This is for the beginning student of zoölogy, and it aims to give him a broad view of the animal kingdom and also a foundation on which to base future study and observation. It is splendidly illustrated. A review will appear shortly.

Selected Poems of William Wordsworth. Edited by Joseph B. Seabury. Size 5×7 . Pp. 136. Price——. New York: Silver, Burdett & Co.

Don Quixote de la Mancha. Edited from the translations of Duffield and Shelton, by Mary E. Burt and Lucy Leffingwell Cable. Size 5×7 . Pp. 214. Price 60 cents. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

An old friend in a new and interesting dress is brought before us in this book. Everybody ought to know of Don Quixote, and this little book is the best way of making his acquaintance. No essentials have been omitted and the interest is well maintained.

Norse Stories, retold from the Eddas by Hamilton Wright Mabie. Edited by Katherine Lee Bates, Wellesley College. Size $4 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$. Pp. 304. Price——. Chicago: Rand, McNally & Co.

The Northmen *did* things, and therefore the legends have always had a fascination for children, and now that they have been retold in interesting English, they will grow in popularity.

The Story of China. By R. Van Bergen. Size $5 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$. Pp. 224. Price 60 cents. New York: American Book Co.

Attractively and suitably bound, well illustrated, and written in an interesting style. This ought to find a place among the supplementary reading in our elementary grades. The time is opportune for accurate information in regard to China and this book seems to supply the want.

Little Stories for Little People. By Annie Willis McCullough. Size $5 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$. Pp. 128. Price 25 cents. New York: American Book Co.

The aim in this book is to supply complete stories told in such a way and in such simple language that the child in the second term of the first year will be able to use it.

An Advanced Rational Speller. By Ida M. Daly. Size 5×7 . Pp. 100. Price ——. Boston: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.

Julius Cæsar. Introduction and Notes by Edward Everett Hale, Jr. Size 5×7 . Pp. 89. Price $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. New York: University Publishing Co.

Carpenter's Geographical Reader. Europe. By Frank G. Carpenter. Size 5×7 . Pp. 456. Price 70 cents. New York: American Book Co.

This is an interesting book and justifies its publishers in their assertion that it is not a dry compilation of facts from other books. There is just enough of the personal element to give the book an interest for the boy or girl and the information imparted in this "chatty" fashion is reliable, interesting, and up to date.

Spelling and Word Building. A Primary Vocabulary. By Eugene Bouton.
Size $6 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$. Pp. 118. Price ——. New York: University Publishing Co.

This contains an ingenious adaptation of our old-time spelling book and is the result of experiment in the schools of Pittsfield, Mass. It is well illustrated and is worthy of consideration by those who are interested in the spelling problem.

Standard First Reader. Edited by Isaac K. Funk, and Montrose J. Moses.
Size 6×8 . Pp. 112. Price ——. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co.

This is a richly illustrated book, some of the colored plates being well done. The intellectual content is much like that of many other readers of the present time — too much given to patriotism, moralizing, and sentiment. There is very much attention to pronunciation as one might expect from the source of "fonetik refawrm."

Teachers' Manual for First Reader. Edited by Isaac K. Funk, Editor-in-Chief of the Standard Dictionary, and Montrose J. Moses. Size 3×5 .
Pp. 238. Price ——. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co.

This contains some useful hints for the teacher. It is to be used to suggest "ways and means" of dealing with the readers issued by this firm.

The Princess. By Alfred Tennyson. Edited by Franklin T. Baker, Teachers' College Columbia University. Size 5×7 . Pp. 133. Price ——. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

The scholarly and interesting introduction is specially worthy of mention, but while it is suggestive and, I suppose, necessary for the teacher, it covers the story and delineates the characters in such a way that the pupil need not read the poem except to confirm the estimates arrived at by the editor. The pupil is told what to look for and the poem is then a puzzle picture. This book in the hands of the teacher and the *poem* in the hands of the pupils is the proper arrangement for successful education.

Jackanapes and The Brownies. By Juliana Horatia Ewing. Size $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$.
Pp. 90. Price 15 cents (paper). Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood. By Howard Pyle. Size 5×7 .
Pp. 176. Price 60 cents. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

This is a very successful attempt to picture the life in England, the "Merrie England" of Robin Hood. It is unfortunate that the work had to be so curtailed, but the editor has shown excellent judgment in his selection of incidents, and the gaps are not perceptible unless one is very familiar with the details of the original. The high standard of this series is being maintained.

The Theology and Ethics of the Hebrews. By Archibald Duff. Yorkshire United Independent College, Bradford, England. Size 5×7 . Pp. 304.
Price \$1.25. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

Van Dyck. A collection of fifteen pictures and a portrait of the painter with introduction and interpretation, by Estelle M. Hurl. Size 5×8 . Pp. 95. Price 35 cents (paper). Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The high standard of excellence set by the early numbers is maintained in this. The series is being published quarterly and is worthy of subscription by every school.

The Complete Pocket-Guide to Europe. By Edmund C. Stedman and Thomas L. Stedman. Size 3×5 . Pp. 505. Price ——. New York : William R. Jenkins, publisher.

This has attained a wide popularity and deservedly so, for it contains in a handy form almost all the knowledge that a tourist needs that the journey abroad may be pleasant.